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Change of Command set for Army Corps St. Louis District

St. Louis – Command of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District, will change on Wednesday, July 2, 2008. Colonel Lewis F. Setliff III, who has commanded the District since June 30, 2005, will turn over duties as District Engineer to Colonel Thomas E. O'Hara, Jr., in a 10 a.m. ceremony to be conducted at the Sheraton St. Louis City Center Hotel at 400 South 14th Street. Brigadier General Michael J. Walsh, Commander of the Corps' Mississippi Valley Division, will preside over the event.

Colonel Setliff will move on to assume duties as the Chief of Staff, 8th US Army, in Seoul, South Korea. During his career he has held a variety of command and staff positions in the United States and overseas, including assignment as Deputy to the Deputy Chief of Staff – Engineer for the Multinational Forces-Iraq in Baghdad. He also commanded Task Force Guardian, the organization responsible for restoring pre-Katrina protection to New Orleans before the following hurricane season.

Colonel O'Hara comes to his new assignment from the U.S. Army War College at Carlisle Barracks in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. He has held a variety of field assignments, most recently commanding the 27th Engineer Battalion from May 2005 to May 2007. That command included a 13-month deployment to Afghanistan. Colonel O'Hara also brings experience in the Mississippi Valley, with his previous service as the Deputy District Engineer for the St. Paul District from July 2001 to March 2005. He holds master degrees in Mathematics and Operations Research from Penn State University. He is married to the former Beth Otterson and they have two children.

The St. Louis District is strategically located at the crossroads of three major river systems: the Illinois, Mississippi and Missouri. The mission of the District is to manage the 300 mile Mississippi River watershed above the Ohio River by applying engineering, scientific, and other resources while preserving, restoring and enhancing the environment; and maintaining core competencies needed to respond to local and national emergencies and technical requirements.

The St. Louis District has many diverse mission areas and works together with partners and stakeholders to provide reliable navigation, manage flood risks, restore and preserve our environment, and provide recreational opportunities. Along with these critical missions, the District generates hydropower, supplies water to communities and industries, performs regulatory oversight, and manages the FUSRAP radioactive remediation program.